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SUBJECT: MAJOR ISSUES AT 29TH MEETING, INTERNATIONAL WHALING
COMMISSION, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA, JUNE 24, 1977

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1. COMMISSIONER YONEZAWA WILL ARRIVE CANBERRA 12 JUNE FOR
IWC MEETINGS. HE WISHES TO HAVE EARLY MEETING WITH HEAD
OF U.S. DEL AND OTHERS TO DISCUSS MAJOR ISSUES TO BE
RAISED AT 29TH MEETING.

2. COMM. YONEZAWA'S REMARKS TO FISHATT CONCERNING ISSUES
RAISED IN REF ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SCIENTIFIC PERMITS - GOJ IS NOT YET READY TO TAKE POSITION
ON U.S. PROPOSAL BUT WILL GIVE IT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.
COMM. YONEZAWA REMARKED THAT U.S. INITIATIVE ON THIS ISSUE
WAS PROBABLY RESULT OF 240 SCIENTIFIC PERMITS ISSUED BY
GOJ FOR TAKING WHALES IN INDIAN AND PACIFIC OCEANS. HE
INDICATED THAT JAPAN WLLL GIVE FULL ACCOUNTING OF THIS
ACTION TO IWC SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND IS PREPARED TO
DISCUSS FURTHER IN PLENTARY IF THIS IS REQUESTED. JAPAN
PLANS TO ISSUE PERMITS IN FUTURE AT SAME LEVEL IN AC-
CORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF ITS WHALE SCIENTISTS.
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IN REFERENCE TO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE, COMM. YONEZAWA
REMARKED THAT HE ATTACHED UTMOST IMPORTANCE IN KEEPING
THE DISCUSSIONS OF THIS COMMITTEE OF HIGHEST QUALITY.
HE FEELS THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP NON-SCIENTISTS
OUT OF ITS DELIBERATIONS.

RENEGOTIATION CONFERENCE - COMM. YONEZAWA DID NOT WISH

TO MAKE COMMITMENT ON THIS ISSUE BUT REMARKED THAT IT PROBABLY WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO GOJ TO CONVENE CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES PRIOR TO CLOSE OF 1978. ACCORDING TO HIM THIS SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE IWC WORKING GROUP CONTINUING DELIBERATIONS. HE FEELS EXTENDED DISCUSSION NECESSARY ON BASIC POINTS OF NEW CONVENTION TO ENSURE THEIR APPLICABILITY AND WORKABILITY. HE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH U.S. UNILATERAL ACTION TO IMPOSE STRICTER CONSERVATION MEASURES WITHIN ITS 200-MILE ZONE THAN IWC MEASURES WOULD IMPOSE AND OF U.S. WISHES TO HAVE THIS CONCEPT INCLUDED IN NEW CONVENTION. HE FEELS THAT SHOULD THIS PRACTICE PREVAIL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IT WOULD MEAN THE DEMISE OF IWC BECAUSE MOST WHALE STOCKS WOULD THEN BE MANAGED BY COASTAL STATES AND NOT BY IWC. HE FEELS THAT THOUGH USG INDICATES IT WISHES TO STRENGTHEN IWC, ITS SUPPORT OF SOME FORM OF COASTAL STATE MANAGEMENT COULD VERY WELL WEAKEN IWC. COMM. YONEZAWA DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT MARINE MAMMAL PROVISION OF LOS REVISED SNT IS EXPLICIT ON THE ISSUE OF COASTAL STATE MANAGEMENT OF MARINE MAMMALS. THE PROVISION IS STILL CONTESTED IN LOS CONFERENCE BY MANY DELEGATIONS INCLUDING JAPAN. NON-MEMBER NATIONS - GOJ IS NOT IN FAVOR OF IMPORTATION OF WHALE PRODUCTS FROM NON-MEMBER NATIONS BUT ACTION PROPOSED BY U.S. IS NOT SUPPORTED. ACCORDING TO COMM. YONEZAWA, UNDER PRESENT PROVISIONS OF IWC CONVENTION, DELEGATIONS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO TAKE THIS TYPE ACTION. SECOND, THIS KIND OF ACTION MAY LEAD TO VIOLATION OF GATT PROVISIONS. THIDD, HE DOES UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT REAGAR IT A GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE COMMISSION OR ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO ATTEMPT TO FORCE PUNITIVE ACTION ON NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT MEMBER.

OPEN MEETING - COMM. YONEXAWA IS OPPOSED TO U.S. PROPOSED ACTION. IWC NEGOTIATIONS ARE SIMILAR TO MANY OTHER TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS THAT MUST BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO KEEP MEETINGS FREE FROM PRESSURES FROM OUTSIDERS AND UNNECESSARY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DELEGATIONS. OPENING MEETINGS COULD SET VERY BAD PRECEDENT. U.S. DEL IS FREE TO HAVE AS MANY PRESS CONFERENCES OR OTHER MEETINGS AS IT WISHES CONCERNING DELIBERATIONS OF IWC. AT THESE MEETINGS IT SHOUD DISPEL ANY ANTAGONISTICS FEELING BY PRESS OR OBSERVERS FROM INTERESTED ACTION GROUPS. NEW MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (NMP) - COMM. YONEZAWA SUPPORT MAINTENANCE OF NMP, IN SUBSTANCE, BUT WILL BE FLEXIBLE SO AS TO FOLLOW BEST JUDGEMENT OF

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.

3. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT REPRESENTATIVE
OF JAPAN ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY WILL BE DELEGATE TO IWC,
POSITIONS OF GOJ WILL HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY ITS
ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY.

4. COMM. YONEZAWA WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO HIS
REMARKS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
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